

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

According to one aspect of the present invention, a method is provided in which search indices are configured on a first server. The search indices are associated with corresponding business components. The search indices are displayed to a first client that is connected to the first server via a computer network. The first client is configured to perform search using data records stored on a local machine. One or more particular search indices from the first server are downloaded onto the local machine in response to the first client's request to download the one or more particular search indices to be used for searching on the local machine.